

Priest Workgroup in Priest Lake, ID
Meeting Notes
01/21/04

Attendees:

Forest Service – Carolyn Upton, Kathy Murphy, Allen Chrisman, Gary Weber, Dale Schrempp, Lu LeMieux and Camilla Cary Note taker.

Public – Margie Hall, Mike Sudnickovich, Tom Holman, George Freibott, Larry Townsend, Ted Parvin, Bob & Vickie Gish, Greg Seabloom, Steve & Wendy Booth, Rich Benscoter, Mark Sprengel, Joanne Hirabayashi, Paul Sieracki, Twila & Wendle Little, Kris Howell, Bob Davis and Craig Hill

Carolyn gave an update on the Forest Plan Revision. There was a discussion on the revision topics and the last meeting. Carolyn passed out a copy of the draft notes from the last meeting and a copy of her notes from the 12/17/03 meeting. The group discussed different elements for the desired future conditions. The final consensus was that within the GA they will need to consider in the forest plan the important elements to the community. Public safety was a major concern as there are no alternative escape routes.

Need to achieve and maintain a healthy forest as part of the overall plan to reduce fire risk overall.

Do we need a post-fire management statement?

It was decided that Carolyn will take the notes from the previous meetings back with her and the forest plan revision team will go over them. She will get back to the Priest Lake group with statements that the group can then share agreement/differences/consensus at some level. The group will make their decision on statements for the desired future condition for fire at the next meeting.

The next topic for discussion will be watersheds and aquatic species.

Some issues discussed were:

- What can the group do?
- Do we need to eliminate non-native and restore native fisheries in Priest Lake area.
- Need priority statement about fisheries
- What priority level do we go?
- Don't be driven by funding
- Careful about how statements will be written
- Would like to restore watersheds that are not functioning properly or are at risk
- Goal is to investigate what's not right and how can we correct what's wrong.
- Roads, spraying noxious weeds near streams
- How do you treat noxious weeds close to streams?

The group would like the following info:

- ❖ Why watersheds are not functioning
- ❖ Map showing significant roads in use in watershed areas and impact on watersheds
- ❖ Speaker on watersheds with short course and general overview of topic

Next meeting: February 4, 2004, at 6:00-8:00 P.M. at the PLRD Cookhouse.

Agenda:

Group will review desired future conditions for fire and complete on statements and begin working on desired future conditions for watersheds and aquatics.